

**REMARKS**

By this amendment, claim 32 has been amended and claims 29-31 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer in favor of presentation of this subject matter in a continuation or divisional application. Accordingly, claims 1-28 and 32 are currently pending in the application, of which claims 1, 8, 15, 22 and 32 are independent claims. Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 1-28 and 32 contain allowable subject matter.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendments do not add new matter to the application and are fully supported by the specification.

In view of the above amendments and the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and timely withdrawal of the pending objections and rejections for the reasons discussed below.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 1-28 and 32 contain allowable subject matter. As discussed in the telephone conversation with Examiner DINH of September 10, 2004, claims 29-31 have been canceled and claim 32 has been amended to include all the limitations of the base claim.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 1-28 and 32 are in condition for allowance and request that they be allowed as soon as possible.

### CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the pending Office Action and respectfully submit that all of the stated objections and grounds for rejection have been overcome or rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number below to expedite prosecution.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Supplemental Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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